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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 and MPEP § 704.14(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. As this Information Disclosure Statement is responsive to the Examiner's requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. 1.105, Applicants are not required to satisfy the fee and/or certification requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

JP-A-Hei. 8-286895:

This reference is a publication of a Japanese patent application corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 6,606,163 (Suzuki, *et al.*) and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/373,036, also cited in this IDS.

JP-A-Hei. 9-212325:

This reference is a publication of a Japanese patent application corresponding to U.S. Patent No. 5,907,410, also cited in this IDS.

JP-A-Hei. 7-303163:

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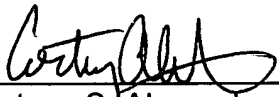
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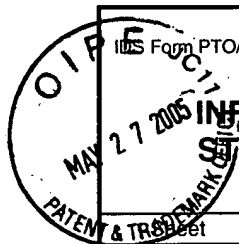
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